

Used Oil Recycling Rate Biannual Report: Fiscal Year 2000–2001

The California Integrated Waste Management Board is required to report industrial and lubricating oil sales and used oil recycling rates every six months. This report presents fiscal year (July 1–June 30) oil sales and recycling data from July 1, 1993, through June 30, 2001.

The information presented is based on quarterly reports of oil sales from manufacturers and used oil processed by recycling facilities. Recycling facility operators are required to report total used oil volumes processed as well as the relative proportions represented by lubricating and industrial oil.

Accuracy of the proportion data is based on the information received from generators, transporters, and processors as each entity manages the used oil. Because used oils may be commingled from many sources and at several times before reaching a processor, estimates are made.

Sales and recycling total volumes are revised as staff learns of inaccuracies from audits, discussions with reporting entities, and analysis of submitted data. For example, sales reports may be revised and refunds for exempt lubricating oils may be accepted for up to three years after the initial sale.

While lubricating oil sales and lubricating oil and industrial oil recycling have remained fairly stable since the program began, industrial oil sales have nearly doubled. This trend followed California's economic recovery; however, California exports a large amount of oil products.

Because the oil manufacturer payment does not apply to industrial oil, the reported industrial sales volumes may overstate the total industrial oil actually consumed in California. Staff is working with manufacturers and industry to gain better data on industrial oil use and also is reviewing national industrial oil sales data.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, Flex Your Power and visit www.consumerenergycenter.org/flex/index.html.

Oil Sales and Used Oil Recycling Rates

(in millions of gallons per fiscal year)

	July 1993- June 1994	July 1994- June 1995	July 1995- June 1996	July 1996- June 1997	July 1997- June 1998	July 1998- June 1999	July 1999- June 2000	July 2000- June 2001
Lubricating Oil Sales	143.8	140.1	137.9	137.2	139.1	143	155.7	159.5
Industrial Oil Sales	74.1	99	139.8	132	152.6	157.2	179.4	147
Total Oil Sales	217.9	239.1	277.7	269.2	291.7	300.2	335.1	306.5
California Lubricating Oil Recycled In and Out of State	65.8	61.5	63.7	67.7	74.4	73.7	79.2	83.1
California Industrial Oil Recycled In and Out of State	11.6	14.2	13.6	10	8.7	10.7	8.2	9.9
Total Oil Recycled	77.4	75.7	77.3	77.7	83.1	84.4	87.4	93